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U.S. COOL TO BRITISH PEACE MOVES

Grimly determined to continue putting the country's worst foot forward, shington last week ignored the evidence of mounting concern for peace in stern Europe and let it be known that it took a dim view of the British proposal a nonaggression pact with the Soviet. The government seems capable of only reaction to the world-wide apprehension over possible nuclear war: more s, more missile bases, more rigidity.

Of course a nonaggression pact is meanless. Nobody aggresses any more--if y ever did. One country may defend itf a split second before its enemy, but ression--never. What is significant is the idea of the pact, but the willingness discuss, and the anxiety to find soluns. What is significant is the spreading lization that in the equation of peace ough terror, the factor of peace dimines as that of terror grows.

As the government position becomes r more fixed, however, other signs seemto point to the opening up of opportunis for the pacifist insight to be made wn. Thirty-four hundred Methodist stuts at Lawrence, Kansas, during Christs week adopted a statement rebuking Church for calling on them only to rpetuate the peripheral role in which is presently engaged, while the urgent ues of the world remain unchanged," and aded for a reason for full commitment. ety students at Swarthmore College nched their own study of disarmament ways to attain it, while leading scienes and writers publicly ruminated that, Senator Humphrey put it, "the weapons e...is now undeniably a great moral ue."

An appeal initiated by the FOR-supted Church Peace Mission, calling for unilateral cancellation of nuclear pons testing, has been signed by more than 50 leading clergymen and educators, including Harry Emerson Fosdick, Martin Luther King, and Paul Scherer.

Meanwhile, response has been described as "good" to the anti-testing ads placed in the *New York Times* and other newspapers by the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and the American Friends Service Committee. Reproductions of both ads are available free from the respective groups.

Protest Ship

Plans to sail a ship into the "forbidden area" of the Pacific during the scheduled nuclear tests this April will be announced this week by the Committee for Nonviolent Action Against Nuclear Weapons, an ad hoc group made up of pacifists from the country's leading peace organizations. The Committee carried out the demonstration against atomic tests at Las Vegas, Nevada, last summer, that received widespread publicity.

The ship will be manned by volunteers, probably from more than one country. It will sail as a protest against the testing of nuclear weapons, emphasizing both the dangers of fallout and the immorality of the continuing arms race.

Nineteen of the 27 members of the National Committee of NVA are FOR members, including staff members John Swomley, Alfred Hassler, Glenn Smiley and Charles Walker.

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Congressman Warns of "Accidental" War

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) is beating the drums in Washington to draw attention to his conviction that "accidental" nuclear war is a real possibility. Congressman Porter has told the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy that Gen. Herbert Loper agrees with him that an accidental nuclear explosion in this country is "probable." Gen. Loper is reported to be the Pentagon's "top man" for atomic energy.

Porter warns that such an accidental explosion, apart from the destruction it would cause, might easily be misinterpreted as an attack and lead to all-out nuclear war. He wants the "probability" of such an explosion widely publicized, and production and testing of nuclear weapons halted.

(Interestingly enough, the eruption of atomic war under very similar circumstances was envisioned by nuclear physicist Louis N. Ridenour in his one-act play "Pilot Lights of the Apocalypse," published in *Fellowship* in July, 1946.)

The Atomic Energy Commission, which frequently seems to spend most of its time reassuring the nation that there is really no danger from radiation, last month once again drastically cut the "safe" radiation limit. The average maximum radiation exposure per year for atomic workers over 18 was cut from 15 rems to 5; for populations in the vicinity of atomic installations from 1.5 rems to .5 rem.

Feeling against nuclear weapons appears to be growing in Britain. Twenty members of Parliament have issued a stat ment in support of the Labour H-Bomb ca paign Committee, indicating a possib "pilgrimage" later in the year to prote the establishment of missile bases. Pac fists meanwhile are planning a four-d march of protest at Easter from London a nuclear weapons plant fifty miles away

War Up, Peace Down

The news is that the "defense" budg will be increased by at least $2 billio from the present $38 billion level. Th compares with the current budget of t Special Disarmament Staff headed by Harc Stassen of $375,000, which was a reducti from $530,000 the year before. (The figu seems likely to be reduced by an addition $375,000 in the new budget!

If you'd like to see how those figur look:

Armaments	$38,000,000,000.
Disarmament	375,000.

Or, $1 for disarmament to each $100,0 for armaments!

P.S.--The FOR budget for the year $155,000.

Ohio Minister Hit By Georgia Attack

A Cincinnati, Ohio, Presbyterian mini ter and FOR member was one of the victi of an astonishing attack made by the Geo gia Commission of Education, an offici state body, on the Highlander Folk Schoo Monteagle, Tenn.

Rev. Maurice McCrackin is minister the West Cincinnati—St. Barnabas Churc a combined Presbyterian-Episcopali congregation, and director of the churc related Findlay Street Neighborhood Hou and Camp Joy. He has been a pacifist record for 30 years and a tax-refuser the past nine years.

McCrackin attended the 25th anniversa celebration of the Highlander School ov last Labor Day weekend, which featured seminar that attracted many of the leade of the nonviolent movement in the Sou

notographer who attended was later iden-ed as an agent of Governor Marvin Grif- of Georgia. His pictures featured the ge (newspaper size) brochure published that state, headed "Highlander Folk ool--Communist Training School, Mont-le, Tenn.," and relating the alleged mmunist affiliations of those attending. Newspapers and others used the brochure ttack McCrackin, who has been defend-vigorously by pacifists and others in the . The Georgia attack has been con-ned, and the Highlander School defend- in a formal statement by Mrs. F. D. sevelt, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Msgr. n O'Grady, National Conference of holic Charities, and Lloyd K. Garrison, ner dean of the Wisconsin University v School.

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e Gandhi Death; gion Attacks SSRS

A plan to encourage pacifists to write their near-by newspapers has been re-ed by a New York City member. The posal is to write for publication January the tenth anniversary of Gandhi's death ling attention to the relevance of his hods to present tensions.

The American Legion is seeking to pre-t the Society for Social Responsibility Science, of which Albert Einstein was a nber, from functioning as a legal corpo-on. The Legion's opposition, according he SSRS Newsletter, is "basically..be-se of the central principle for which S was founded, namely, that individuals uld make moral decisions about their k, refusing such work as would be a lation of conscience." FOR member vard Ramberg, 900 Woods Road, South-npton, Pa., is president of SSRS.

Ellamae Calvert, Great Lakes regional retary for the past two years, resigned of December 6 to take the post of asso-e director of the Wesley Foundation at ne University, Detroit. The National ncil sent her a minute of appreciation her contributions to FOR and of good hes in her new work.

Quote Unquote

"The theological movements (such as neo-orthodoxy)...have provided the verbal, intellectual and ethical framework which enabled reluctant spirits to ignore, postpone, modify or repudiate every single position on race, war, social and economic justice that we were once committed to serve" and have *"practically forced the Church into a position of irrelevance in many of the great modern issues."*

--Dr. Harold A. Bosley, FOR member and minister of the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., to Methodist Student Conference, Lawrence, Kansas, Dec. 31, 1957

"The Negro must continue to realize that unearned suffering is redemption. We must say to our white brothers over the South that we will match your capacity to inflict suffering with our capacity to endure suffering. We will match your physical force with our soul force. We will not hate you and yet we cannot obey your evil laws. Do to us what you will and we will wear you down by our capacity to suffer, and in earning our freedom we will so appeal to your hearts and consciences that we will win you in the process."

--Dr. Martin Luther King, at the National Council of Churches, St. Louis, Dec. 4, 1957

"In the light of the sacredness of human life, we must say that we would rather die ourselves than use nuclear explosions on human beings..."

--Norman Cousins, editor of *Saturday Review,* at Lawrence, Kansas, conference. Dec. 30, 1957

"The role of peace can no longer be left alone in the hands of militarists and politicians. Religion must exert greater efforts in stirring up the moral conscience of the world..."

--Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, president, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

Middle Atlantic Region FOR sponsored a prayer and conscience vigil to express opposition to nuclear testing during the holidays. Thirty teen-agers, wearing armbands, walked around City Hall in Philadelphia for two hours on December 23; passed out 2,000 pieces of literature. Forty-four members repeated the vigil on December 28 and again on New Year's Eve, winding up with a worship service and meditation at midnight. Vigil had full newspaper, radio and TV coverage.

Boston FOR participated in similar vigil November 30 and December 1. Meeting was held following "march" to Charles Street Universalist Meeting House (erroneously referred to in Dec. *Fellowship* as a Friends Meeting House).

Sale of FOR Christmas greetings (cards and paper) hit all-time high of 445,000 in 1957. Card showing five kneeling children led with 140,000, including substantial distribution in Little Rock and other Southern cities.

Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story, the FOR-produced "comic book" on non-violence, will come off the press later this month. Advance orders now exceed 75,000 copies. Sample will be sent to each FOR member.

Dorothy Calkins, executive secretary of the Evanston Council of Churches, begins a new job February 1. She will be the Midwest Regional Secretary for FOR, succeeding Dr. Paul Macy, who resigned last April.

Newly organized International Christ Service for Peace will provide opportuni for young men in different countries to form voluntary service as Christian fists in places of need. Cooperating in ting up the ICSP were the Brethren Ser Commission, the Mennonite Central C mittee, the IFOR and the World Counci Churches. BSC and MCC will manage ministration and budget. Andre Trc represents FOR on the administrative c mittee.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 24-26. Weekend AFSC conference Lincoln, Mass., on "The Individual Society." Features FOR NE chairman F Deats, Sec'y-emeritus A.J.Muste, Mi Mayer, Robert Lowell, Joseph Staro Inq. AFSC, Box 247, Cambridge 38, Ma

Feb. 1. FOR Southern office opens at 2 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., as he quarters for work of Reconciliation Tea Smiley, Abernathy, Lawson. Write Gl Smiley, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y. for dates

Feb. 7-8. FOR interseminary conferenc Shadowcliff, Nyack, with Allan Kn Chalmers, Stewart Meacham, John Yo John Yungblut. Inq. Curtiss Moody, 271, Nyack, N.Y.

Feb. 9. Staff member Charles Walker preach on "Race and Reconciliatio Asbury Methodist Church, Trenton, N.J.

Feb. 14-15. AFSC conference on "Ri of Coexistence," Cambridge, Mass. AFSC, Box 247, Cambridge 38, Mass.

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